



How to attain taqwa



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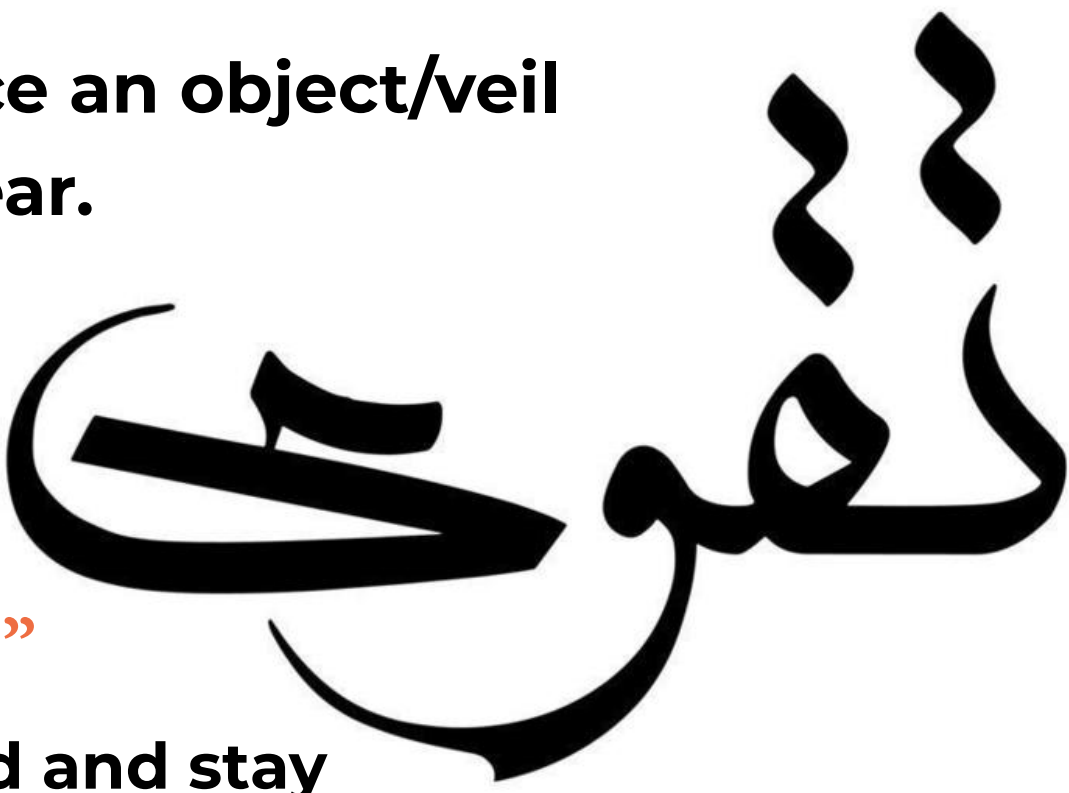
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Introduction

Chapter One

In the Arabic language, Taqwa means to place an object/veil between you and that which you dislike or fear.

In Islam, Sheikh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah رحمته الله said Al-Taqwa is:



1

”فعل ما أمر الله به، وترك ما نهى الله عنه“

“It is to do what Allāh commanded and stay away from that which Allāh prohibited from.”

Musnad Ahmad 14103

The best definition one can find on Taqwa is the statement of Talq Ibn Habeeb رحمته الله.

He said that Taqwa is:

2

”اعْمَلْ بِطَاعَةِ اللَّهِ عَلَى نُورٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَرْجُو ثَوَابَ اللَّهِ؛ فَالْتَقَوَى تَرْكُ مَعَاصِي اللَّهِ عَلَى نُورِ اللَّهِ مَخَافَةَ عِقَابِ اللَّهِ“

“It is to act in accordance with the obedience of Allāh with a light from Allāh; hoping for the reward of Allāh. Leaving off the disobedience of Allāh with a light from Allāh; fearing the punishment of Allāh.”

Al-Zuhd by al-Hannād Ibn Sarī 522

Ibn Al-Qayyim رحمته الله said that is the greatest definition of Taqwa and Ibn Hajar also strengthened this view.

‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattab رضي الله عنه asked Ubay Ibn Ka’b about Taqwa. Ubay replied:

3

”وَسَأَلَ عُمَرُ بْنُ الْخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أُبَيًّا عَنِ التَّقْوَى، فَقَالَ: هَلْ أَخَذْتَ طَرِيقًا ذَا شَوْكٍ؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ. قَالَ فَمَا عَمِلْتَ فِيهِ؟ قَالَ: تَشَمَّرْتُ وَحَذَرْتُ، قَالَ: فَذَاكَ التَّقْوَى“

‘Umar asked ‘Ubay ibn Ka’b about al-Taqwā, so he said: “Have you ever taken a path with thorns?” ‘Umar said: “Yes.” So ‘Ubay responded: “What did you do?” ‘Umar said: “I raised my garment and became cautious.” So ‘Ubay said: “That is al-Taqwā.”

Tafsīr al-Qurtubī 1/203

Ibn Al-Mu'tazz رحمته الله said:

وَكَبِيرَهَا فَهُوَ التَّقَى	•••	خَلَّ الذُّنُوبَ صَغِيرَهَا
ضِ الشَّوْكِ يَحْذَرُ مَا يَرَى	•••	كُنْ فَوْقَ مَا شِ فَوْقَ أَر
إِنَّ الْجِبَالَ مِنَ الْحَصَى	•••	لَا تَحْقِرَنَّ صَغِيرَةً

Stay away from sins: the minor and the major; for that is Taqwā

Do as one does on a land full of thorns, being cautious of what one sees

Do not belittle that which is small verily the mountain is made from pebbles.

Do not ever belittle something small. This big mountain that you see is merely a collection of small pebbles that came together. So If a person keeps belittling every sin, he or she will end up doing all the sins that are small. Eventually, it will come together and it will turn into something big.

The word Taqwa in The Quran is used for different things. Sometimes it is used for the word Khashya which is to fear Allāh and other times it is used for the word Haybah which is to honour Allāh.

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

4

وَإِيَّايَ فَاتَّقُوا

“And have Taqwa of Me.”

Surah Al-Baqarah: 41

5

وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

“And be afraid of the Day when you shall be brought back to Allāh. Then every person shall be paid what he earned, and they shall not be dealt with unjustly.”

Surah Al-Baqarah: 281

6

يُوفُونَ بِالنَّذْرِ وَيَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا كَانَ شَرُّهُ مُسْتَطِيرًا

“They (are those who) fulfil (their) vows, and they fear a Day whose evil will be wide-spreading.”

Surah Al-Insan: 7

Therefore, it shows that the word Taqwa in these verses is referring to fearing Allāh ﷻ or the Day of Judgement.

Ibn Rajab رحمه الله said:

7

"وتارة تُضافُ التقوى إلى اسم الله - عز وجل -، كقوله تعالى: {وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ}... فإذا أُضيفت التقوى إليه - سبحانه وتعالى -، فالمعنى: اتقوا سخطه وغضبه... قال تعالى: {وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ} وقال تعالى: {هُوَ أَهْلُ التَّقْوَى وَأَهْلُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ}... وتارة تُضافُ التقوى إلى عقاب الله وإلى مكانه، كالنار، أو إلى زمانه، كيوم القيامة، كما قال تعالى: {وَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ}"

“Sometimes Taqwā is attributed to the name of Allāh ﷻ, as The Most High said: {Be mindful of Allāh to Whom you all will be gathered}. So when Taqwā is attributed to Him – Glorified and the Most High – it means: fear His wrath and anger. And the Most High said: {And Allāh warns you about Himself}, and the Most High said: {He ‘alone’ is worthy to be feared and entitled to forgive}. And sometimes Taqwā is attributed to the punishment of Allāh, and the place of punishment (such as the Hell-fire) or its time (such as the Day of Judgement). As The Most High said: {Guard yourselves against the Fire prepared for the disbelievers}. Also, the Most High said: {Be mindful of the Day when you will ‘all’ be returned to Allāh}”

Jāmi’ al-‘Ulūm wal-Hikam p.158-159

Sometimes the word Taqwa means obedience in The Quran, referring to obedience and servitude to Allāh the way He deserves to be worshipped.

Ibn Jarir Al-Tabari brings the statement of Ibn Masood in the tafsir of this ayah to explain what Taqwa means:

8

"أَنْ يَطَاعَ فَلَا يُعْصَى، وَيُذَكَّرَ فَلَا يُنْسَى، وَيُشْكُرَ فَلَا يُكْفَرُ"

"That one obeys and does not disobey, and one remembers and does not forget, and one shows gratitude and does not display ingratitude."

Tafsīr al-Tabarī 3/375

Sometimes Taqwa can also mean to remove sins, as Allāh ﷻ said in the ayah:

9

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَخْشَ اللَّهَ وَيَتَّقْهِ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ

" And whosoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم), fears Allāh, and keeps his duty (to Him), such are the successful."

Surah Noor: 52

Ruling of Taqwa

Chapter Two

Taqwa is from the greatest obligations that Allāh has commanded us with. Many evidence show this from the Quran, the Sunnah, and the statements of the Salaf.

Allāh ﷻ says:

- 1 **وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ ۚ وَلَقَدْ وَّصَّيْنَا الَّذِيْنَ اُوْتُوا الْكِتٰبَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَاِيَّاكُمْ اَنْ اَتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ ۚ وَاِنْ تَكْفُرُوْا فَاِنَّ لِلّٰهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ ۚ وَكَانَ اللّٰهُ غَنِيًّا حَمِيْدًا**
“And to Allāh belongs all that is in the Heavens and all that is in the Earth. And verily, We have recommended to the people of the Scripture before you, and to you (O Muslims) that you (all) fear Allāh, and keep your duty to Him. But if you disbelieve, then unto Allāh belongs all that is in the Heavens and all that is in the Earth, and Allāh is Ever-Rich (free of all wants), worthy of all praise.”
 Surah Al-Nisa': 131

Abdullah Al-Qurutbi رحمه الله said:

- 2 **الأمر بالتقوى كان عاما لجميع الأمم**
“Taqwa is something that all of the nations were commanded with”

Ibn Taymiyyah رحمه الله said:

- 3 **"والتقوى واجبة على الخلق، وقد أمر الله بها ووصى بها في غير موضع، وذم من لا يتقي الله ومن استغنى عن تقواه"**
“Taqwa is an obligation upon the creation and Allāh commanded it in more than one place. Allāh rebuked those who do not have Taqwa and anyone who feels like he does not need Taqwa.”
 Sharh al-Umdah 3/627

Some of the people of knowledge said:

- 4 **"هَذِهِ الْآيَةُ هِيَ رَحَىٰ آيِ الْقُرْآنِ، لِأَنَّ جَمِيعَهُ يَدُورُ عَلَيْهَا"**
“This ayah is the core message of The Qur’ān in its essence, because the entire Qur’ān revolves around it.”
 Tafsīr al-Qurtubī 5/389

Our Messenger ﷺ also commanded us with Taqwa. Abu Dharr said the Prophet ﷺ said to me:

- 5 **"اتَّقِ اللَّهَ حَيْثُمَا كُنْتَ"**
“Have Taqwa of Allāh wherever you are.”
 Narrated by al-Tirmidhī 1987, and he said: Hasan Sahīh

Means of Attaining Taqwa

Chapter Three

1

Asking Allāh for Taqwa

Allāh is the One who gives His slaves what they ask for, so we should constantly ask Allah for Taqwa.

Abdullah Ibn Masood رضي الله عنه narrated from the Prophet ﷺ that the Prophet ﷺ used to say:

1

"اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى وَالتُّقَى وَالْعَفَافَ وَالْغِنَى"

“O’ Allāh, I ask You for guidance, piety, chastity and richness”

Sahīh Muslim 2721

The Messenger ﷺ used to say:

2

"اللَّهُمَّ آتِ نَفْسِي تَقْوَاهَا وَزَكِّهَا أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا أَنْتَ وَلِيِّهَا وَمَوْلَاهَا"

“O’ Allāh, grant my soul the sense of righteousness and purify it, for You are the Best Purifier of it. You are its Guardian and its Master.”

Sahīh Muslim 2722

Also, the Prophet ﷺ used to say in his journeys and travels:

3

"اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ فِي سَفَرِنَا هَذَا الْبِرَّ وَالتَّقْوَى"

“O’ Allāh, we ask You to grant us righteous and piety in this journey of ours.”

Sahīh Muslim 1342

Abdullah ibn Umar رضي الله عنه used to say:

4

اللهم اجعلني من أئمة المتقين

“O Allāh make me from the Imams of the people of Taqwa.”

2

To Know That Allāh is Always Observing You

Some of the poets used to say:

عند الهوى ويخافه إيماناً

لا خير فيمن لا يراقب ربه

يخشى إذا وفى المعاد هواناً

حجب التقى سبل الهوى فأخو التقى

“There is no goodness in the one who is not conscious of their Lord. When they have desires, and he fears Him with faith. Covering one's piety is the path to desires, so take al-Taqwā as a sibling. Fear [the day] that our desires will [be presented] on the Promised Day.”

Dhamm al-Hawā by Ibn al-Jawzī 236

There is no virtue in a person who does not look after the actions he is doing, knowing that Allah is watching over him. What good does a person have if he is not conscious of the speech and actions he is presenting to His Lord?

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

- 1 مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ
“Not a word does he (or she) utter but there is a watcher by him ready (to record it).”
 Surah Qaf: 18
- 2 يَسْتَخْفُونَ مِنَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يَسْتَخْفُونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مَعَهُمْ إِذْ يُبَيِّتُونَ مَا لَا يَرْضَىٰ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطًا
“They may hide (their crimes) from men, but they cannot hide (them) from Allāh; for He is with them (by His Knowledge), when they plot by night in words that He does not approve. And Allāh ever encompasses what they do.”
 Surah Al-Nisa: 108

2 Perfecting Your Intention

‘Awn Ibn ‘Abdullah said in his book Hilyatul Awliyaa wa Tabaqat Al-Asfiya:

- 1 فَوَاتِحُ التَّقْوَى حَسَنُ النِّيَّةِ
“The keys to Taqwa is to perfect the intention.”

4 Believing in the Qadr of Allāh, the Good of it and the Bad of it

‘Awn Ibn ‘Abdullah said:

- 1 رَأْسُ التَّقْوَى الصَّبْرُ
“The highest level of Taqwa is patience.”

In other words, having patience upon the calamities that befall you is an indication of your Taqwa.

‘Ata ibn Abi Rabaah said:

- 2 "سَأَلْتُ الْوَلِيدَ بْنَ عُبَادَةَ بْنِ الصَّامِتِ: كَيْفَ كَانَتْ وَصِيَّةُ أَبِيكَ إِيَّاكَ، حِينَ حَضَرَهُ الْمَوْتُ؟ قَالَ: دَعَانِي فَقَالَ: يَا بُنَيَّ، أُوصِيكَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّكَ لَنْ تَتَّقِيَ اللَّهَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنَ بِاللَّهِ، وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّكَ لَنْ تُؤْمِنَ بِاللَّهِ، وَلَنْ تُطْعَمَ طَعْمَ حَقِيقَةِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَلَنْ تَبْلُغَ الْعِلْمَ، حَتَّى تُؤْمِنَ بِالْقَدَرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ"

“I asked al-Walīd Ibn ‘Ubādah Ibn al-Sāmit: What was your fathers advice to you when he was dying? He said: He called me and said: “O my son, I advise you to have Taqwā of Allāh. Know, that you will not have Taqwā of Allāh until you believe in Allāh. Know, that you will not believe in Allāh, nor taste the reality of al-Īmān, nor reach the [pinnacle] of knowledge; until you believe in the Qadr; the good of it and the evil of it.””

Al-Sharī’ah by al-Ājurri 1/215 and al-Qadr by al-Firyābī 425

5

Holding Yourself to Account

Maimun Bin Mehraan رحمته الله said:

1

"لَا يَكُونُ الرَّجُلُ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ حَتَّى يُحَاسِبَ نَفْسَهُ أَشَدَّ مِنْ مُحَاسَبَةِ شَرِيكِهِ، حَتَّى يَعْلَمَ مِنْ أَيْنَ مَطْعَمُهُ، وَمِنْ أَيْنَ مَلْبَسُهُ، وَمِنْ أَيْنَ مَشْرَبُهُ، أَمِنْ حِلِّ ذَلِكَ أَمْ مِنْ حَرَامٍ؟"

"A man will not be from the people of Taqwā until they account themselves harsher than that of his partner. Until he knows; where did he get his food, where did he get his clothes, where did he get his drinks; is it from that which is permissible or prohibited?"

Hilyah al-Awliyā 4/245

Al-Haarith Bin Asad Al-Muhaasibi رحمته الله said:

2

أصل التقوى محاسبة النفس

"The true meaning of Taqwa is to hold yourself to account."

6

To Know That Allāh is Always Observing You

Al-Sindi رحمته الله said:

1

نتيجة العلم هي التقوى

"The result that comes from knowledge is Taqwa"

With beneficial knowledge, a person learns what is halal and what is haram. He learns what Allah loves and does not love. He goes through a process of correcting his belief and purifying his heart, with Allah's permission. The result from this - if done correctly - is Taqwa.

Mas'ar Ibn Qidaam رحمته الله said:

مِنَ الْحَرَامِ وَيَبْقَى الْإِثْمُ وَالْعَارُ



تَفْنَى اللَّذَازَةُ مِمَّنْ نَالَ صَفَوَتَهَا

لَا خَيْرَ فِي لَذَةٍ مِنْ بَعْدِهَا النَّارُ



تُبْقَى عَوَاقِبُ سُوءٍ فِي مَغَبَّتِهَا

"The pleasure of desires will end for those who attained it from that which is prohibited, and what remains is the sin and shame. What remains are evil consequences, there is no goodness in enjoyment which is followed by the fire"

Hilyah al-Awliyā 7/221

7

Shyness

Sufyan Ibn 'Uyaynah رحمته الله said:

1

الحياء أخف التقوى، ولا يخاف العبد حتى يستحي، وهل دخل أهل التقوى في التقوى إلا من الحياء؟!

"Shyness is the least of Taqwā, and a servant does not fear until they are shy. Do the people of Taqwā enter Taqwā except through shyness?"

Shyness makes you from the people of Taqwa.

Al-Mubarrid رحمته الله said:

إلا نهاني الحياء والكرم

•••

ما إن دعاني الهوى لفاحشة

ولا مشيت لي بريبة قدم

•••

فلا إلى فاحش مددت يدي

**“What if desires call me to evil? I am not prevented from it except through shyness and nobility.
Not to evil do I extend my hand, nor towards doubtful matters do I tread”**

Al-Mustatraf 2/351

When you are a shy person you are very careful of what you say and do.

8

Al-Sadaqah

Sadaqah at times of both sickness and health helps you to be from the people of Taqwa.

‘Ata رحمته الله said:

- 1
- (لن تنالوا شرف الدين والتقوى حتى تتصدقوا وأنتم أصحاء أشحاء، تأملون العيش وتخشون الفقر

“You are not going to attain the honour of taqwa until you give sadaqah, and you give it in all situations at a time when you are healthy and at a time when you fear poverty.”

9

Fasting

Al-Taahir ibn ‘Aashoor رحمته الله said:

- 1
- الصوم أصل قديم من أصول التقوى

“Fasting is one of the oldest foundations of Taqwa”

10

Consuming Halal and Staying Away from Haram

Sahibu Tuhfatul Ahwadi, Al-Mubarakfuri رحمته الله said:

- 1
- أكل الحلال رأس التقوى كله

“Eating Halal is the foundation of Taqwa.”

Abd Al-Rahman Al-Munawi رحمته الله said:

- 2
- "طلب كسب الحلال أصل الورع وأساس التقوى"

“Seeking permissible income is from the foundations of al-wara’ and from the fundamentals of al-Taqwā.”

Fayd al-Qadīr 6/91

Benefits of Attaining Taqwa of Allāh

Chapter Four

1 ● It is One of the Ways to Attain the Mercy of Allāh

Salman Al-Faarisi رحمته الله said that the Prophet ﷺ said:

1 إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَلَقَ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ مِائَةَ رَحْمَةٍ كُلُّ رَحْمَةٍ مِلءٌ مَا بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، فَقَسَمَ مِنْهَا رَحْمَةً بَيْنَ الْخَلَائِقِ بِهَا تَعْطِفُ الْوَالِدَةُ عَلَى وَلَدِهَا وَبِهَا يَشْرَبُ الْوَحْشُ وَالطَّيْرُ الْمَاءَ وَبِهَا يَتَرَاخَمُ الْخَلَائِقُ فَإِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ الْقِيَامَةِ قَصَرَهَا عَلَى الْمُتَّقِينَ وَزَادَهُمْ تِسْعًا وَتِسْعِينَ"

“Indeed Allāh created one hundred [portions of] mercy on the day He created the Heavens and the Earth. Each [portion of] mercy fills that which is between the Heaven and Earth. So, He divided that between the creation, through which mercy takes place between the mother and the child, the animal and the birds drink water, and the creation are merciful to each other. Then when it is the Day of Judgement, it is restricted to the people of Taqwa and He increases for them the remaining ninety-nine.”

Mustadrak al-Hākim 7628

2 ● It is a Means for Actions to be Accepted

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

1 وَأَتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ ابْنَيْ آدَمَ بِالْحَقِّ إِذْ قَرَّبَا قُرْبَانًا فَتُقُبِّلَ مِنْ أَحَدِهِمَا وَلَمْ يُتَقَبَّلْ مِنَ الْآخَرِ قَالَ لَأَقْتُلَنَّكَ ۚ قَالَ إِنَّمَا يَتَقَبَّلُ اللَّهُ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ

“And (O Muhammad ﷺ) recite to them (the Jews) the story of the two sons of Adam (Hâbîl and Qâbîl-Abel and Cain) in truth; when each offered a sacrifice (to Allâh), it was accepted from one but not from the other. The latter said to the former: "I will surely kill you." The former said: "Verily, Allâh accepts only from those who have Taqwa."

Surah Al-Maaidah: 27

3 ● It is a Means for Allāh to Protect You from the Hellfire

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

1 وَنَجَّيْنَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ

“And We saved those who believed and used to have Taqwa.”

Surah Fussilat: 18

2 وَإِنْ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا وَارِدُهَا كَانَ عَلَى رَبِّكَ حَتْمًا مَقْضِيًّا

“There is not one of you except that you will pass over it (Hellfire): this is with your Lord; a Decree which must be accomplished.”

Surah Maryam: 71

3 ثُمَّ نُنَجِّي الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَنَذَرُ الظَّالِمِينَ فِيهَا جِثِيًّا

“Then We shall save those who used to have Taqwa. And We shall leave the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrongdoers) therein (humbled) to their knees (in Hell).”

Surah Maryam: 72

4 ● Allāh Forgives the Sins of the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

- 1 وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ ءَامَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَكَفَّرْنَا عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَلَأُدْخِلَنَّهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ النَّعِيمِ
 “If the people of scriptures were to believe (in Allāh) and they were to come with Taqwa we would expiate for them their sins and we would place them into Jannah.”
 Surah Al-Maaidah: 65

- 2 ذَلِكَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ أَنْزَلَهُٗٓ إِلَيْكُمْ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَكْفُرْ عَنْهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِ ۚ وَيُعْظِمْ لَهُ أَجْرًا
 “And anyone who comes with Taqwa of Allāh, He expiates for him their sins and increase for them their reward.”
 Surah Talaq: 5

5 ● The People of Taqwa Will Inherit Jannah

Allāh ﷻ says:

- 1 وَسَارِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمٰوٰتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
 “And march forth in the way (which leads to) forgiveness from your Lord, and for Paradise as wide as the heavens and the earth, prepared for the people of Taqwa”
 Surah Aal-e-Imran: 133

- 2 تِلْكَ الْجَنَّةُ الَّتِي نُورِثُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا مَنْ كَانَ تَقِيًّا
 “Such is the Paradise which We shall give as an inheritance to those of Our slaves who had Taqwa”
 Surah Maryam: 63

- 3 وَأُزْلِفَتِ الْجَنَّةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ غَيْرَ بَعِيدٍ
 “And Paradise will be brought near to the people of Taqwa”
 Surah Qaf: 31

- 4 إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ مَفَازًا
 “Verily, for the people of Taqwa, there will be a success (Paradise)”
 Surah Al-Naba: 31

- 5 إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَنَهَرٍ
 “Verily, The people of Taqwa will be in the midst of Gardens and Rivers (Paradise)”
 Surah Al-Qamar: 54

- 6 وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءُوهَا وَفُتِحَتْ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ طِبْتُمْ فَادْخُلُوهَا خَالِدِينَ
 “And those who kept their duty to their Lord (the people of Taqwa) will be led to Paradise in groups, till, when they reach it, and its gates will be opened (before their arrival for their reception) and its keepers will say: Salâmun ‘Alaikum (peace be upon you)! You have done well, so enter here to abide therein.”
 Surah Al-Zumar: 73

7

يَوْمَ نَحْشُرُ الْمُتَّقِينَ إِلَى الرَّحْمَنِ وَفْدًا

“The Day We shall gather the people of Taqwa onto the Most Gracious (Allāh), like a delegation (presented before a king for honour)”

Surah Maryam: 85

When other people are running away from one another, the people of Taqwa are going to meet their friends and they are going to come together.

Also Allāh ﷻ says:

8

الْأَخِلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ

“Friends on that Day will be enemies to one another, except the people of Taqwa”

Surah Zukhruf: 67

Even a mother will be running away from her child on the Day of Judgement. That Day people will be enemies to one another, except the people of Taqwa. Also, Allāh says that the people of Taqwa are going to come happy, smiling, laughing:

9

إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ. أَذْخَلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ ءَامِنِينَ. وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِّنْ غِلٍّ إِخْوَانًا عَلَىٰ سُرُرٍ مُّتَقَابِلِينَ.

"Truly! The people of Taqwa will be amidst Gardens and water-springs (Paradise). (It will be said to them): ‘Enter therein (Paradise), in peace and security. And We shall remove from their breasts any deep feeling of bitterness (that they may have). (So they will be like) brothers facing each other on thrones.”

Surah Al-Hijr: 45-47

Allāh also mentions that the people of Taqwa will have high stations, ranks and rooms.

Allāh ﷻ says:

10

لَكِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ لَهُمْ غُرَفٌ مِّنْ فَوْقِهَا غُرَفٌ مَّبْنِيَّةٌ تَجْرَىٰ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ وَعَدَ اللَّهُ لَا يَخْلِفُ اللَّهُ الْمِيعَادَ

“But those who had Taqwa of their Lord (Allāh), for them are built lofty rooms, one above another under which rivers flow (i.e. Paradise). (This is) the Promise of Allāh, and Allāh does not fail in (His) Promise.”

Surah Zumar: 20

Allāh will prevent the people of Taqwa from all of the harm that the people are going to see that Day. They will be enjoying the shade of Jannah, and its fruits. Allāh ﷻ says:

11

إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي ظِلِّ وَعُيُونٍ. وَفَوْكِهِ مِمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ. كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

“Verily, the people of Taqwa shall be amidst shades and springs. And fruits, such as they desire. Eat and drink comfortably for what you used to do.”

Surah Mursalat: 41-43

They receive honour, superiority, and a station in that place. Allāh ﷻ says:

12

زَيْنَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَيَسْخَرُونَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا. وَالَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا فَوْقَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

“Beautified is the life of this world for those who disbelieve, and they mock at those who believe. But those who had Taqwa will be above them on the Day of Resurrection. And Allāh gives to whom He wills without limit.”

Surah Al-Baqara: 212

Also, it has been narrated on the authority of Abū Hurayrah رضى الله عنه :

13

"سُئِلَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: مَا أَكْثَرُ مَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ؟ قَالَ: تَقْوَى اللَّهِ، وَحُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ"

“Allāh’s Messenger was asked about what takes most people to Jannah? He said: Taqwā and good conduct”

Narrated by al-Tirmidhī 2004 and authenticated by Ibn Hibbān

The poet said:

دارُ الأمانى والمنى والمنة

نعمتُ جزاءُ المتقين الجنة

“The blessed reward for the people of Taqwā is Paradise, the place of hopes and blessings”

Sharh Shudhoodh al-Dhahab 27

6 ● Allāh Will Honour the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says:

1

إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَىٰ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

“The most honourable amongst you with Allāh is the one with the most Taqwa.”

Surah Al-Hujurat: 13

7 ● Allāh Loves the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says:

1

بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَوْفَىٰ بِعَهْدِهِ ۖ وَاتَّقَىٰ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَّقِينَ

“Yes, whoever fulfils his pledge and has Taqwa; verily, then Allāh loves those the people of Taqwa”

Surah Aal-Imraan: 76

The scholars mention that it is not about how much you love Allah, it is about how much Allah loves you!

8 ● Allāh Gives Victory, Aid and Support to the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says:

1

وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّىٰ لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ لِلَّهِ ۚ فَإِنْ آنتَهُوا فَلَا عُدُونِ ۚ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ

“And fight them until there is no more Fitnah (disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allāh) and (all and every kind of) worship is for Allāh (alone). But if they cease, let there be no transgression except against Az-Zâlimûn (the polytheists, and wrong-doers).”

Surah Al-Baqara: 193

Younus ibn ‘Ubayd said to a man who asked him for advice:

2

"أوصيك بتقوى الله والإحسان، فإن الله مع الذين اتقوا والذين هم محسنون"

"I advise you [to have] Taqwā of Allāh and Ihsān. For verily, Allāh is with those who have Taqwā and those who have Ihsān."

Jāmi' al-Ulūm wal-Hikam 161

9 ● The Final Ending is for the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

1

قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ اسْتَعينُوا بِاللهِ وَاصْبِرُوا ۖ إِنَّ الْأَرْضَ لِلَّهِ يُورِثُهَا مَن يَشَاءُ ۚ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ۗ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

"Mûsâ (Moses) said to his people: "Seek help in Allâh and be patient. Verily, the Earth is Allâh's. He gives it as an inheritance to whom He wills of His slaves; and the (blessed) end is for the people of Taqwa."

Surah Al-A'raf: 128

10 ● Glad Tidings are for the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

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أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ. الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ

"No doubt! Verily, the Auliya' of Allâh [i.e. those who believe in the Oneness of Allâh and fear Allâh much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which he has forbidden), and love Allâh much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained)], no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve. Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allâh - Islâmic Monotheism), and used to have Taqwa."

Surah Yunus: 62-63

11 ● Guidance is for the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

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ذَٰلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ ۚ فِيهِ ۚ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

"This is the Book (the Qur'ân), whereof there is no doubt, a guidance for the people of Taqwa."

Surah Al-Baqara: 2

The Quran is a guidance for the people of Taqwa.

12 ● Allāh Gives Beneficial Knowledge to the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

1

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا تَدَايَنْتُمْ بِدِينٍ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى فَاكْتُبُوهُ ۚ وَلْيَكْتُبَ بَيْنَكُمْ كَاتِبٌ بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ وَلَا يَأْبَ كَاتِبٌ أَن يَكْتُبَ كَمَا عَلَّمَهُ اللَّهُ ۚ فَلْيَكْتُبْ وَلْيُمْلِلِ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ الْحَقُّ وَلْيَتَّقِ اللَّهَ رَبَّهُ ۚ وَلَا يَبْخَسَ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا ۚ فَإِن كَانَ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ الْحَقُّ سَفِيهًا أَوْ ضَعِيفًا أَوْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَن يُمْلَ هُوَ فَلْيُمْلِلْ وَلِيُّهُ بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ وَاسْتَشْهِدُوا شَهِيدَيْنِ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ ۖ فَإِن لَّمْ يَكُونَا رَجُلَيْنِ فَرَجُلٌ وَامْرَأَتَانِ مِمَّن تَرْضَوْنَ مِنَ الشُّهَدَاءِ أَن تَضِلَّ إِحْدَاهُمَا فَتُذَكِّرَ

إِخْدَمُهُمَا الْآخَرَىٰ ۖ وَلَا يَأْبَ الشُّهَدَاءُ إِذَا مَا دُعُوا ۚ وَلَا تَسْمُوا أَنْ تَكْتُبُوهُ صَغِيرًا أَوْ كَبِيرًا إِلَىٰ أَجَلِهِ ۚ ذَلِكُمْ أَقْسَطُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَأَقْوَمُ لِلشَّهَادَةِ وَأَدْنَىٰ أَلَّا تَرْتَابُوا ۚ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً حَاضِرَةً تُدِيرُونَهَا بَيْنَكُمْ فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَلَّا تَكْتُبُوهَا ۚ وَأَشْهِدُوا إِذَا تَبَايَعْتُمْ ۚ وَلَا يُضَارَّ كَاتِبٌ وَلَا شَهِيدٌ ۚ وَإِنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَإِنَّهُ فُسُوقٌ بِكُمْ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ وَيَعْلَمُكُمُ اللَّهُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

“O you who believe! When you contract a debt for a fixed period, write it down. Let a scribe write it down in justice between you. Let not the scribe refuse to write as Allāh has taught him, so let him write. Let him (the debtor) who incurs the liability dictate, and he must fear Allāh, his Lord, and diminish not anything of what he owes. But if the debtor is of poor understanding, or weak, or is unable to dictate for himself, then let his guardian dictate in justice. And get two witnesses out of your own men. And if there are not two men (available), then a man and two women, such as you agree for witnesses, so that if one of them (two women) errs, the other can remind her. And the witnesses should not refuse when they are called (for evidence). You should not become weary to write it (your contract), whether it be small or big, for its fixed term, that is more just with Allāh; more solid as evidence, and more convenient to prevent doubts among yourselves, save when it is a present trade which you carry out on the spot among yourselves, then there is no sin on you if you do not write it down. But take witnesses whenever you make a commercial contract. Let neither scribe nor witness suffer any harm, but if you do (such harm), it would be wickedness in you. So have Taqwa of Allāh; and Allāh teaches you. And Allāh is the All-Knower of each and everything.”

Surah Al-Baqara: 282

13 ● Allāh Gives Insight to the People of Taqwa

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

1 يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَّكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

“O those who you believe, if you come with the Taqwa of Allāh, Allāh will make an opening for you (Allāh will give you insight from what is right and wrong) and Allāh will expiate for you your sins and Allāh will forgive your sins.”

Surah Al-Anfaal: 29

14 ● Taqwa is a Means to Attain Ease and Provision

Having Taqwa of Allāh will bring you out of every hardship you are going through. It is also a means of attaining provision from places you do not expect.

Allāh ﷻ says in the Quran:

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فَإِذَا بَلَغْنَ أَجَلَهُنَّ فَأَمْسِكُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ فَارِقُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَأَشْهِدُوا ذَوَى عَدْلٍ مِّنْكُمْ وَأَقِيمُوا الشَّهَادَةَ لِلَّهِ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ يُوعَظُ بِهِ ۚ مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَلِغُ أَمْرِهِ ۚ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا

“Then when they are about to attain their term appointment, either take them back in a good manner or part with them in a good manner. And take as witness two just persons from among you (Muslims). And establish the testimony for Allâh. That will be an admonition given to him who believes in Allâh and the Last Day. And whoever has Taqwa of Allâh and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way out for him (from every difficulty). And He will provide for him from (sources) he never could imagine. And whoever puts his trust in Allâh, then He will suffice him. Verily, Allâh will accomplish his purpose. Indeed Allâh has set a measure for all things.”

Surah Talaq: 2-3



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